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1. On 21 November 1950, eleven twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies and in-line engines were parked on the southern edge of the Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) airfield. (1) Only a section of the area in front of the hangars could be seen. There was no flying between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Work was being done on some planes. No lamps were on at the field after nightfall.

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field. (2) The barracks at the road to the field was unoccupied and unguarded.

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2. On 23 November, twin-engine aircraft, not be counted because of the poor visibility, were parked in front of the hangars at the field. The former AA gun emplacements and ammunition bunkers on the northern edge of the field had been repaired. Four fuel containers the size of a railroad tank car were near the railroad spur track. (3)

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3. A construction firm was charged with the construction of a brick building, 7 to 10 meters long, and a loading ramp. A shed, two temporary buildings, one for the personnel and the other for tools, had been erected. (4) Sacks of cement, two narrow-gauge field railway trains, large quantities of ties, rails, water pipes and bricks were stored near the shed. A board fence 1.5 meters high and 60 meters long paralleled the railroad spur at a distance of 100 meters. An earth wall was seen behind it. Preparations for the construction of a concrete wall were possibly concerned.

4. Local residents said that the construction of a runway which was suitable for jet fighters was to begin soon. (5) A mason said that he repaired the buildings at the field recently, and that various workshops at the field were to be converted into quarters for troops. He also stated that about 3,000 soldiers were quartered at the field and that more soldiers were expected to arrive soon.

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5. On 26 November, source learned from a Werneuchen resident that the field was to be improved and a runway was to be constructed, and because of this farmers had to abandon their fields located in the vicinity of the

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airfield. Construction work was allegedly in progress. (5)

6. On 29 November, about 40 twin-engine aircraft, almost all of them covered with tarpaulins, were parked in front of the hangars. (1) Three of the twin-engine aircraft, previously stationed at the field, made flights lasting about one hour. Flying was stopped at 2:45 p.m., when the sky was overcast and there was occasional rain. A radio truck with a rod antenna was at the take-off point. A green signal rocket was fired at 4:47 p.m., after nightfall. Eight minutes later, a yellow landing light was lit. This procedure was repeated after ten minutes. At 5:20 p.m. another green signal rocket was fired. No take-offs or landings were made at that time. A siren was sounded at 5 p.m. whereupon the lights in the hangars were extinguished. A few lights burned outside the hangars at about 6 p.m.

7. About 40 laborers were laying narrow-gauge field railway tracks at the construction site. Levelling and excavating was being done, and two temporary parallel wooden frames about 30 meters long and about 4 meters apart, possibly for concrete walls, were being erected. The work did not yet indicate what was to be built.

8. Three-fourths of the buildings in the field area were lighted. (2)

Comments.

(1) From the number of aircraft recently seen at the field it cannot be determined whether the field is occupied by one or two bomber regiments. No information has been received indicating that one of the bomber regiments has been transferred.

(2) The motor vehicle [redacted] to ground units of bomber units stationed at the [redacted] airfield.

(3) It is not quite clear whether the containers were being removed or were to be installed. If the first, it must be assumed that the bomber units are possibly scheduled to be transferred because of construction work which started at the field.

(4) The utilization of the new buildings has not been determined, but the construction management is probably to be housed there. The loading ramp is probably for the building material which is expected to arrive.

(5) The planned improvement of the airfield, such as enlargement and construction of a concrete runway, was previously reported by other sources. See [redacted]

No exact information has been received on the extent of the construction work or the date of completion of the work.

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